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12 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

13 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

14 IN RE BARD IVC FILTERS PRODUCTS  
15 LIABILITY LITIGATION

16 Kim Hepler, an individual,  
17  
18 Plaintiff,

19 v.

20 C.R. Bard, Inc., a corporation, and Bard  
21 Peripheral Vascular, Inc., an Arizona  
22 corporation,  
23 Defendants.

No. MD-15-02641-PHX-DGC

Civil Action No.: 2:16-cv-00630-PHX-DGC

**FIRST AMENDED MASTER SHORT  
FORM COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES  
FOR INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS**

24 Plaintiff(s) named below, for their Complaint against Defendants named below,  
25 incorporate the Master Complaint for Damages in MDL 2641 by reference (Doc. 364).

26 Plaintiff(s) further show the Court as follows:

27 1. Plaintiff/Deceased Party:

28 Kim M. Hepler

1 Spousal Plaintiff/Deceased Party's spouse or other party making loss of  
2 consortium claim:

Michael A. Hepler

3. Other Plaintiff and capacity (i.e., administrator, executor, guardian, conservator):

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4. Plaintiff's/Deceased Party's state(s) [if more than one Plaintiff] of residence at the time of implant:

Florida

5. Plaintiff's/Deceased Party's state(s) [if more than one Plaintiff] of residence at the time of injury:

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6. Plaintiff's current state(s) [if more than one Plaintiff] of residence:

Florida

7. District Court and Division in which venue would be proper absent direct filing:

Middle District of Florida

8. Defendants (check Defendants against whom Complaint is made):

X C.R. Bard Inc.

X Bard Peripheral Vascular, Inc.

9. Basis of Jurisdiction:

X Diversity of Citizenship

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

a. Other allegations of jurisdiction and venue not expressed in Master Complaint:

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Defendants' Inferior Vena Cava Filter(s) about which Plaintiff(s) is making a claim

(Check applicable Inferior Vena Cava Filter(s)):

☐ Recovery® Vena Cava Filter

☐ G2® Vena Cava Filter

☐ G2® Express (G2®X) Vena Cava Filter

☐ Eclipse® Vena Cava Filter

☒ Meridian® Vena Cava Filter

☐ Denali® Vena Cava Filter

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Date of Implantation as to each product:

06/20/2013

12. Counts in the Master Complaint brought by Plaintiff(s):

☒ Count I: Strict Products Liability – Manufacturing Defect

☒ Count II: Strict Products Liability – Information Defect (Failure to Warn)

☒ Count III: Strict Products Liability – Design Defect

☒ Count IV: Negligence - Design

☒ Count V: Negligence - Manufacture

☒ Count VI: Negligence – Failure to Recall/Retrofit

☒ Count VII: Negligence – Failure to Warn

☒ Count VIII: Negligent Misrepresentation

☒ Count IX: Negligence *Per Se*

☒ Count X: Breach of Express Warranty

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- 2 X Count XI: Breach of Implied Warranty
- 3 X Count XII: Fraudulent Misrepresentation
- 4 X Count XIII: Fraudulent Concealment
- 5 X Count XIV: Violations of Applicable Florida Law Prohibiting
- 6 Consumer Fraud and Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices
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- 8 X Count XV: Loss of Consortium
- 9 ☐ Count XVI: Wrongful Death
- 10 ☐ Count XVII: Survival
- 11 X Punitive Damages
- 12 ☐ Other(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (please state the facts supporting
- 13 this Count in the space immediately below)
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16 DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

17 Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff demands trial by

18 jury in this action of all issues so triable.

19 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016, I electronically transmitted the attached document to the Clerk's Office using the CM/ECF System for filing and transmittal of a Notice of Electronic Filing.

/s/ Nathan Buttars